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House Resolution 1112

By: Representatives Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, Carter of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Gordon of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee on
- 2 the upcoming occasion of the 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, and
- 3 inviting the committee members to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other
- 4 purposes.
- 5 WHEREAS, the 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 184th
- 6 occasion on which this festive event has been held in this beautiful historic city with proud
- 7 Irish roots; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this celebration was begun in 1824 by the Hibernian Society of Savannah,
- 9 which was formed to aid the early Irish immigrants to Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, many Irish organizations have contributed to the longevity and success of this
- celebration, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which was formed in 1926, has
- 12 carried on the tradition for the past 82 years; and
- WHEREAS, according to one of Ireland's former Prime Ministers, "Ireland is where strange
- 14 tales begin and happy endings are possible," and the same holds true for the enchanting City
- 15 of Savannah; and
- 16 WHEREAS, it is due to the hard work and selfless dedication of the members of the St.
- 17 Patrick's Day Parade Committee that this event has become a popular celebration and that
- 18 Georgia can be proud to welcome visitors from all over the nation and the world to this
- 19 successful annual tradition; and
- 20 WHEREAS, this historic parade, among the largest Irish celebrations in the nation, is held
- 21 in the lovely historic district and is always a joyous and meaningful occasion for the citizens
- of Savannah, Chatham County, and the State of Georgia.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

- 2 this body recognizes and commends the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
- 3 for their tireless efforts and great work in organizing the 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade and
- 4 for their many important contributions to their community and state.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
- 6 are invited to appear before this body on a date and at a time designated by the Speaker of
- 7 the House of Representatives for the purpose of being recognized by the House of
- 8 Representatives.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 11 Committee chairman and the grand marshal of Savannah's 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade.